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REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are pending in this application. All claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Staples. Claims 1, 13 and 22 are currently amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to distinguish Staples by reciting "identifying a geographical location of at least one mobile device." As indicated in claim 1, the geographical location of the mobile device is not only identified, but also used to select a contact address. Staples fails to teach those features. Staples teaches that a user dials-in to the server to indicate presence at the home office, and in response the server redirects communications such as fax transmissions to the remote office. The presently claimed invention does not require the user to dial-in to a server because the probable location of the user is determined by identifying the geographical location of a mobile device. For example, as described in the specification at page 6, line 28-page 7, line 2, if a calendar entry for the watched party shows a planned business trip and the location of the watched party's wireless phone is near the airport then the system could deduce that the watched party is headed for the airport, and hence not available at the office or at home. Dialing-in to a server as taught by Staples does not even provide an indication of geographical location. It may provide a phone number or IP address, but those things alone do not necessarily indicate the geographical location of the device as illustrated by the problems associated with e-911 service for mobile and VoIP telephony. For the reasons stated above, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is requested.

Claims 13 and 22 have been amended to distinguish Staples by reciting "provide said processor with ... a geographical location of at least one mobile device," and "providing said

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processor with ... a geographical location of at least one mobile device," respectively. As stated above, Staples teaches that a server redirects communications such as a fax transmission to a remote office in response to a user dialing-in to the server to indicate presence at the home office. The presently claimed invention does not require the user to dial-in to a server because the probable location of the user is determined by identifying the geographical location of a mobile device. For the reasons stated above, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 13 and 22 is requested.

Claim 2-12, 14-21 and 23-43 are dependent claims which further distinguish the invention and are allowable for the same reasons stated with regard to their respective base claims. Consequently, withdrawal of the rejections of claims 2-12, 14-21 and 23-43 is also requested.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Holmes W. Anderson, Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-6664 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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